

NewSt.JamesChurch
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Sunday, October 16, 2016 - 10:30 am



Serving You Today

Worship Leader: *Rev. Andrew Reid*

Director of Music: *Torin W. Chiles*

Reader: *Ann Milling*

Welcome Team: *Bob & Karen Baron, Mike & Audrey Hunter, Ervna Marshall, Nancy Roach*

Counters: *John & Carol Brink, Jeff Goud, Susan Pepper, John White*

Hall Shepherd: *Rob McGugan*

Nursery: *Katharine Brandon, Liz Emmerton*

Church School: *Cathy Reid, Monica Sass*

Teen Class: *Joanne MacPherson*

Hospitality: *Indonesians*

Stewart Library: *Open every Sunday*

A Note for Visitors: Church School at New St. James starts at 10:30 am, when the children and teens meet downstairs. They join the congregation in the sanctuary for Our Church Family Together. For directions to the Lower Hall, please ask an usher.

***Please stand, if able**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Today Your Mercy Calls Us (Athens)* M. Sedio (©1998)

* **Entry of the Bible and Processional Hymn**
God is our refuge and our strength (Stroudwater) **30**

Welcome

Call to Worship from Psalm 119

L: The commandments of the LORD make us wise.

C: **The decrees of the LORD give us understanding.**

L: The ordinances of the LORD have taught us.

C: **How sweet are the words of the LORD, as we meditate upon them.**

ALL: **Let us worship God together.**

Introit *Teach Me, O Lord* Th. Attwood (1765-1838)
Teach Me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I will keep it until the end. (Ps 119: 33)

Prayer of Approach

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

Solo *If With All Your Hearts from "Elijah"* F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Conlan Gassi, tenor

"If, with all your hearts, ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me". Thus saith our God. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence! [text: J. Schubring (1806-1889)]

Unison Prayer for Illumination from 2 Timothy

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." May your Word speak through the Scriptures and equip us for every good work, in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Lesson Genesis 32:22-31 **pg. 30 in O.T.**

Responsive Psalm 119:97-104

- ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!
It is my meditation all day long.
- ⁹⁸ **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.**
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.
- ¹⁰⁰ **I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.**
- ¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
- ¹⁰² **I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.**
- ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- ¹⁰⁴ **Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 **pg. 213 in N.T.**

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8 **pg. 81 in N.T.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Write Your Message On My Heart* M. Hayes (©2010)
We are living letters of Christ to the world for everyone to read, for everyone to know, written not with ink, but by the Spirit of God, written not on stones, but on the human heart. Write Your message on my heart, O Lord, a letter of love to a lost and hurting world. Without You, I am nothing. With You, I am strong. Write Your message on my heart. Fill my being with your passion, Lord, that my life may reflect the spirit of Your Word. I am answering the call, and to You surrender all. Write Your message on my heart. Shine through me 'til all the world sees Your glory. [text: M. Hayes (©2010)]

Sermon **“Wrestling a blessing”** Rev. Andrew Reid

We Respond in Faith and Service

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Hymn of Faith *What a friend we have in Jesus* **746**

Prayers of Concern

	Offering and Offertory	<i>Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether (Union Seminary)</i>	
			J. Biery (©1996)
*	Doxology		830
*	Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
	Announcements		
	Our Church Family Together		
	The Lord's Prayer		Inside cover of Book of Praise
*	Hymn of Discipleship	<i>God of the sparrow, God of the whale (Roeder)</i>	307
*	Commission and Response	<i>Sing Amen</i>	264
*	Benediction		
	Postlude	<i>The Heavens Rejoice!</i>	T. Kendall (©2006)



TODAY AT NEW ST. JAMES

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

WELCOME

- We invite guests and visitors to use the blue welcome cards in the pew racks, and the Friendship Book in the narthex.
- Large print bulletins, Bibles and Books of Praise are available in the racks as you enter the sanctuary or from an usher.
- To honour our time in worship, we ask you to turn off phones while in the sanctuary.
- Audio CD's of today's service will be available in the Stewart Library.
- Bulletins and sermons are posted under the Worship tab on our website - www.newstjames.com
- Copies of bulletins and sermons are available in the information rack in the narthex.
- Visitor offering envelopes are available in the pew boxes in front of you. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.

PARKING

- On Sunday mornings, the Oxford Street parking lot is for handicapped parking and for drop offs only. Please do not park in the laneway into the parking lot - this is a fire access route. Parking is available on all surrounding streets and at our good neighbours:
- Harris Funeral Home on St. James Street
- Behind Susan J's
- Valu-Mart (outside row along the east fence & back laneway row)
- Behind the building across Wellington St. (do not park in spaces marked Dental Arts)

WASHROOMS

- Washrooms are located in the corridor behind the organ chamber, and on the lower and upper levels of the hall. Coat racks are in the narthex and in the corridor behind the organ chamber. Please do not leave valuables unattended.

NURSERY

- Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery, near the west door of the sanctuary. We invite parents with small children to sit in the front pews on that side.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- We want to make New St. James a safe and welcoming place for all who come here. Our Church School staff have all received Police Records Checks and training in safety procedures.
- To protect people with nut allergies, our goal is to make New St. James a nut-free facility. Please do not bring nuts of any kind, or anything containing nut products such as peanut butter, into the building. However, we cannot guarantee that cookies served during the fellowship time may not have come in contact with nuts.
- Gluten-free cookies are available during the fellowship time.
- To protect people who are sensitive or allergic to scent, we want to make New St. James scent-free. Please keep this in mind when applying perfume and aftershaves.
- For reasons of personal safety, the front row of the balcony has been closed off.

THIS WEEK AT NEW ST. JAMES

Monday, October 17	5:30 pm	Northern Hospitality (St. Michael's RC)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	AA
Tuesday, October 18	9:30 am	Activity Day at NSJ
	10:30 am	Lectionary Study
	1:00 pm	Creative Hands
	2:30 pm	Service at Extendicare
	5:00 pm	Amabile
Wednesday, October 19	9:30 am	Indoor Playground
Thursday, October 20	1:30 pm	Al-Anon
	6:30 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	Al-Anon
	7:30 pm	NSJ Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 21	7:30 pm	AA
Sunday, October 23	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Luncheon
	3:30 pm	CCNC

Activity Day at NSJ! Drop-in **Tuesdays** from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. There is a catered lunch for \$8.00 per person. Looking for bridge, euchre and board game players.

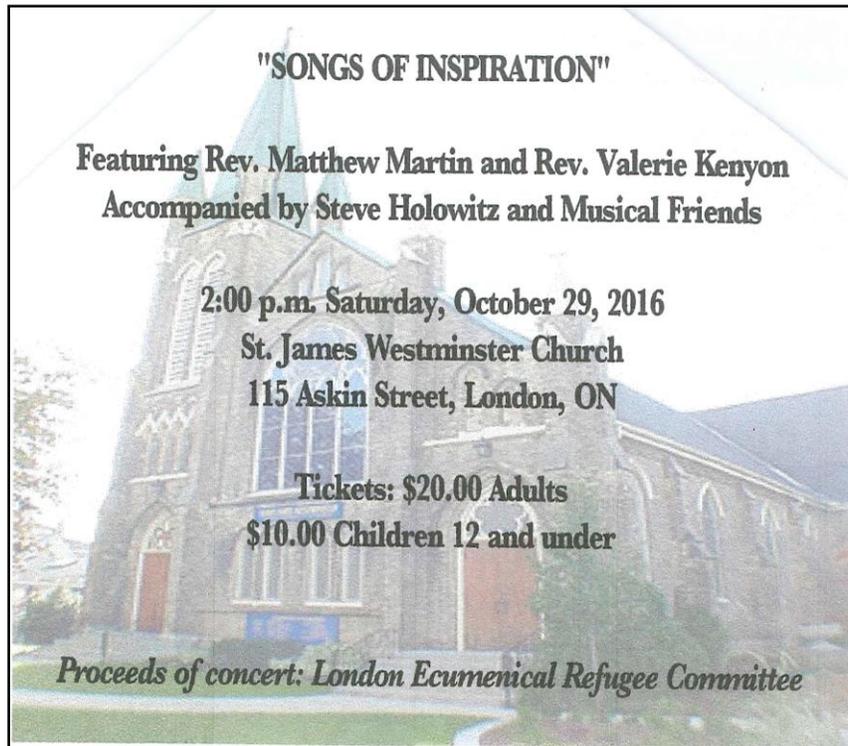
Indoor Playground is a FREE drop-in for parents and caregivers **EVERY Wednesday 9:30-11:30 am.**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 23 11:30 am

All are invited to attend this time of food and fellowship immediately following the worship service. Mike Ruggi and other attendees will be speaking about Canada Youth 2016. Free-will offering.

We are in need of **Halloween candy** for our Pumpkin Carving Night (October 28) and our Halloween parties (October 31). We are requesting **peanut-free** individually wrapped chocolates (Kit Kat, Smarties, Aero, etc). Please bring any donations to the office. Many thanks for your support!



Tickets available from the church office Monday through Friday.

NSJ brochures for Fall 2016 are now available at church entrances. Upcoming events and programs are detailed in this brochure. Please take one!



October 16 is World Food Day

Across the globe, small-scale farmers are suffering the effects of climate change. Prolonged drought, erratic rainfall and a growing rate of weather related disasters are also taking their toll. In Ethiopia, Meserete Jima's crops were obliterated in the wake of a powerful El Niño phenomenon sweeping southern Africa. "I'm very concerned about my family's future," admits Meserete. In times of disaster, Presbyterian World Service & Development responds with food assistance to sustain families until they can plant again. The rations Meserete received with support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank are vital to her family's well-being. On World Food Day, we reflect on the global struggle against hunger and the need to address climate change to ensure food security for all.



YULETIDE BAZAAR AND BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 19 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Our Bazaar is fast approaching. We are looking for donations from you, the congregation:

JEWELRY—we are looking for “bling” so please donate jewelry that you are not using. Eva Goud and June Colwell are coordinating this table and it is very popular. You can speak to them or bring your donations to the office during the week.

SILENT AUCTION—if you have any business connections perhaps you could ask for a donation for our silent auction, another very popular table, or perhaps you have something at home that you received and cannot use. At the last Bazaar, we had some baskets - a baby basket, a sports basket, a beauty basket, or a toy basket are some suggestions for this Bazaar. A handcrafted item would also be excellent.

FROZEN ENTREES—small containers of lasagna, chili, frozen apple pie or any other specialty that you make would be greatly appreciated for the Deli table.

PRESERVES—pickles, jams, jellies, relishes, chutneys—whatever your favourite is, please make some for the Preserve table. Highland will cover the jars with Christmas fabric at their meeting on November 8.

CRAFTS—Debbie Latta is coordinating our craft table and would like your donations into the church by Thursday, November 17. Please give her an idea of how much it cost to make your donation in order to help her with the pricing.

THE GREAT COOKIE CAPER—Carol Fisher and Ann Milling are coordinating this project and would appreciate donations of Christmas cookies. Please watch for a future announcement regarding the date that they would like your donation.

BAKING—will be needed for the bake table.

CANDY—for those with a sweet tooth.

Along with the above needs, we will also need donations of books and items for our treasure table. Room has been set aside on the stage for these donations. Please remember that we do not sell clothing at this sale nor do we sell electrical appliances. The “treasure” table is designed to provide good quality items to our customers.

HELPERS—please volunteer to help sell on the day of the sale and to set up the day before.

If you need any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald or Eva Goud.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

You are invited to join the women of New St. James at the sixth annual Advent by Candlelight Service on **Monday, November 28**. This very special evening for women will prepare us for the Advent and Christmas seasons in a very meaningful and inspirational way with a special time of music and worship. All women are invited to attend the worship service, which will begin in the sanctuary at 7:40 pm.

Prior to the worship service, fellowship and dessert will be offered in the New St. James Hall at 6:30 pm, with tables individually decorated by the hostesses to reflect our Christmas theme. If you would like to be a guest at the dessert/fellowship time, or for more information, please call the church office.

Donations received at the service will be forwarded to Women's Community House to support their services. Women's Community House works to alleviate the consequences of violence against women and their children, with the aim of preventing and eliminating family violence.



FOOD CUPBOARD

Please consider donating soups, canned vegetables, tuna, cereals, diapers, women's sanitary supplies, toiletries, and 250, 500, 750 ml plastic containers to St. Paul's Daily Bread Program. Baskets are located at all entrances.

The Stewart Library:

Copies of Our Daily Bread for September-October-November 2016 are available in the Stewart Library and in the bookcase outside the Lower Hall, at no charge.

Stewardship:

Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9

NEW ST. JAMES - WHAT WE BELIEVE:

*God is calling the people of New St James,
as followers of Jesus Christ,
to worship God and to serve the community.*

Minister	Rev. Andrew Reid - areid@newstjames.com
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Office Administrator	Janet Hisey - jhisey@newstjames.com 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Monday to Friday
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